

In-Fur-Nation

And the ConFurence Chronicle

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All The News We Get, We Print!

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Stone By Day...

Fall has arrived; time for thoughts of holidays, big meals, family visits, big parades and football games, and... ConFurence! Read on for more helpful information on ConFurence Seven, after a brief update from our field correspondents...

As you read this, folks are coming home and a-buzzing about the recent **ConFurence East**, the second fully-furry eastern USA convention. (Or the inaugural, if you considered **Furtasticon** to be a dry run.) With more than 400 people in attendance, word was that a great many furry fen made it their first ever furry-themed con to attend, making for a whole bunch of new faces in the halls. Many of the con's events and sights were video taped professionally, and have since made their appearance on the Sci Fi Channel program *The Anti-Gravity Room*. Here, we'll let the lady in charge talk about it:

From: purelady@coil.com (Trish Ny):

As I begin to sort through the after-convention details, I would like to take this chance to thank everyone that helped make ConFurence East 1995 successful... from our guests to our members... and especially to those who gave of their time. More detailed information will follow soon.

A very important part of this aftermath is input from those who attended. As I work to prepare the final analysis and begin to prepare for next year, I would very much like to hear from all of those who participated so that every effort to make improvements can be addressed as plans for the next year begin.

Because your opinions are valued, please E-MAIL all questions, comments, suggestions, and criticisms to cfast@tigerden.com. (Postings to newsgroups and bulletin boards often disappear too quickly.) Anonymous comments may be mailed directly to Trish Ny, 11037 Henning Dr, Chardon, OH 44024-9796.

[Also write to Trish for information on ConFurence East Souvenir Books, T-Shirts, and other goodies.]

The Disney Company has been very busy of late in the video department. Newly available films include the classics *Cinderella* and *The Fox & The Hound*, and this year's *A Goofy Movie*. Finally available on laserdisc is *The Lion King*, in two formats: Standard CLV, and a deluxe CAV version which includes many behind-the-scenes interviews, art development sketches, outtakes, and other goodies.

You may recall that there were some other animated (and live-action) films of anthropomorphic interest released in 1994. Well, **Don Bluth's** *The Pebble & The Penguin*, **Rick Rich's** *The Swan Princess*, **The Pagemaster**, *The Princess and the Goblin*, and the live-action adventure *Tank Girl* are now available on video tape. In the near future, be on the lookout for *Land Beyond Time III*, from Universal.

Various television news: Several animated shows have been dancing about the schedule and the stations; try to keep up: *Tiny Toons Adventures*, *The Busy World of Richard Scary*, and *Rupert the Bear* are all moving to Nickelodeon, while *Animaniacs* and the spin-off series *Pinky & The Brain* are now part of the WB Kids programming block. *Gargoyles* is now part of The Disney Afternoon on four days a week (with 52 new episodes this season), while the fifth day each week belongs to *The Lion King's Timon and Pumbaa*. Got it? Speaking of *T & P*, two well-known furry comic creators, **Mike Kazaleh** (*Captain Jack*) and **Ken Mitchrone** (*Space Ark*) work on that show as storyboard artists.

Word has it that Disney Studios is exploring the concept of a live-action feature based on the successful *Gargoyles* TV series. No word yet on whether the gargoyles themselves would be achieved by make-up, models, or CGI.

New syndicated animation to look for: *T-Bear*, a sort of African-American *Calvin & Hobbes* about a young boy and his secretly-alive teddy bear (voiced by rapper **Tone Loc**); and *Santo Bugito*, an adventure with an all-insect cast. France's Marina Productions is looking for an American distributor for *Dog Tracer*, an action-oriented all-canine cartoon show in a 40's-style setting.

More furry spawn! That's right, now **Bode** archivist and *Ninja Turtles Adventures* artist **Bill Fitts** and his wife **Berkey** are expecting a son in... well, possibly by the time you read this! Good on yer, Bill...

You've-Probably-Heard-It Department: **Jeff Smith's** award-winning black & white comic *Bone* is now published and printed bi-monthly by Image Comics, beginning with issue #21. They have currently published a freebie, *The Bone Sourcebook*, which details the background, characters, and storylines so far in the series. Coming soon will be a new reprint of *Bone* #1, with a new cover by Smith, followed thereafter by monthly reprints of previous issues (now under the Image imprint).

Old friends Antarctic Press have several special-issue releases coming up in the near future, including the 4th anniversary issue (#35) of *Furlough*, featuring (among others in the 48-pages) the return of *Zaibatsu Tears* and *Watering Hole*. Also on tap is the first issue in volume #2 of *Fantastic Panic*, and continuing titles like *Shanda the Panda* and *Gold Digger*.

Over at MU Press, be on the lookout for *The Collected Captain Jack*, featuring the original series by Mike Kazaleh and a brand-new painted cover. Also be on the watch for *Vixen's Keep*, the first 'mainstream' printing of furry comics serialized by author and artist Mark Wallace (aka Lord William BlackFox) in several newsletters of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Now on the shelves from Jim Groat, Terrie Smith, and the other folks at Graph-X-Press: *Red Shetland* #9, wherein our lady warrior does the unexpected – and how! If your local comic dealer doesn't carry Red Shetland, first bug them about it, and then write to Graph-X-Press at P.O. Box 8554, Madison, WI 53708 for this issue and a list of available *Red Shetland* and *Equine the Uncivilized* goudies.

New furry titles out from Archie Comics include *Tails*, the further adventures of *Sonic the Hedgehog's* vulpine buddy, and the tie-in comic for the new animated adventure series *Street Sharks*.

The first *Oz Special* from Caliber Press features the adventures of the (formerly cowardly) Lion, who is now under the evil influence of the Troll King's spell and out to rule the forest as a ruthless tyrant.

On the shelves any day now from Kitchen Sink Comix is issue #1 of *Grease Monkey*, a new science fiction adventure series from Tim Eldred. It seems that planet Earth is attempting to rebuild after a devastating alien attack, with the aid of a galactic federation and a growing population of newly-uplifted intelligent gorillas. In color.

New from Accent Comics is the current issue (#4) of *Burrito: Jack-of-All-Trades* by creator Carlos Saldana and guest Scott Shaw! A host of well-known comic talent help Carlos put Burrito through such chores as 'How To Dance', bounty hunting, and many others.

From Lightning Press and Trent Kaniuga comes *Creed* #1, the adventures of an alienated young boy whose friends in the 'dream world', talking frogs and flowers et al, might just be more able to help him in this world than he thinks... In color.

New from Tavac Comics is *Reality Check!*, in which an internet surfer's cat becomes an anthropomorphic part of the net in ways that he never dreamed possible. Brought to you by Rosearik Rikki and Tavisha Wolfgarth, issue #1 is out and #2 is headed to the stores in December.

Archer Books and Games brings us *Pantheon*, a new fantasy adventure comic from *Demi the Demoness* creator Steve Crompton.

New from Motion Comics: *Walt the Wildcat* by May and Mace. We quote: A young high school student uses his strange ability to become Walt the Wildcat to protect his farm town of Midland, Missouri... a strange tale of drugs, evil mutant animals, and romance.

Armada Comics brings you *The Legend of Jedit Ojanen* #1 by Bell, Boller, and others, first in a new series set in the *Magic: The Gathering* universe. Jedit is a famous cat-warrior mercenary, and this series explores how he came to lead his current life.

Anthropomorphic comic titles from Keith S. Wilson at Misc. Mayhem Comics include *Armadillo Man*, *Filthy Animals*, *Ventura*, and *Psycho-Dillo*. Write for more information to: MM Comics, P.O. Box 160962, Austin, TX 78716.

Discovered in Britain (Scotland, to be exact): *Tokyo Sex Whale*, a prototype black & white collection of furry prose and art (most the latter) by Nik. You can contact Nik and pick up a copy of TSW for one British Pound from Flat 1F1, 61 Clerk Street, Edinburgh EH8, Great Britain. Nik's e-mail should be sent to potfish@hedonism.demon.co.uk.

An interesting review of ConFurence Six can be found in the latest issue of Bull Dada, along with reviews of a great many fannish activities, hard-to-find comics, and other good stuff. All brought to you by *Yendie WildCrier* creator S.E. Mills, and available (along with other neat things from Yendie Boox) from P.O. Box 80204, Indianapolis, IN 46280-0204. Orders can be made through e-mail via yendie@aol.com.

From Britain comes a new collection of single-panel animal-based humor comic strips called *Tight Corner*, by the writing and art team of Grundy and Malett. From Andrews & McMeel Publishers.

Books with a Disney theme to look for include the current update of *The Disney Films* by Leonard Maltin, *The Disney Villains Pop-Up Book*, and *Goofy Visits Pluto (A Book About The Planets)*, all from Hyperion Press. Also from Hyperion is a new collection of *Pluggers* comic strips by Jeff MacNelly (of *Shoe* fame).

Other trade books of interest include *A Book of Narnians: The Lion, The Witch, and The Others*, with text by C. S. Lewis and illustrations by Pauline Baynes, from Harper Collins. And from Little/Brown comes *One Last Peek*, the final collection of *Outland* strips by Berke Breathed, along with reminiscences and extra sketches by the creator himself. And *Dragons* by Karl Shuker (Simon & Schuster) features the lives and times of some 30 dragons from history, with over 100 full-color illustrations.

Interesting seasonal note: Some furry-themed children's picture books celebrating Hanukkah traditions include *Melly's Menorah* by Amye Rosenberg and *Papa's Latkes* by Jane Breskin Zalben. The latter book even includes a recipe.

Fiction books of note, on the shelves now or soon: *The World Beneath*, the second book of adventures in *Dinotopia* written and illustrated (in full color) by James Gurney (Turner Publishing). From Bantam/Doubleday: *Raptor Red*, the 'true-life adventures' of a velociraptor mother and child, by noted paleontologist Robert T. Bakker. And *Brightness Reef*, a new novel in the Uplift series by David Brin, in which no less than six sentient species (including humans) must struggle together to survive on a backwater planet. From Ace/Berkley: *The Lunatic Cafe* by Laurell K. Hamilton, in which a lady vampire hunter takes on the case of some missing werewolves and falls in love with the leader of the pack. From Baen Books comes *Master of Many Treasures*, a sequel to *Pigs Don't Fly* by Mary Brown, in which a young woman searches for her lost lover who just happens to be a dragon. From TSR Books, check out *Summerhill Hounds* by J. Robert King, which presents a dogs-eye view of a medieval castle under siege.

A catalog of ready-made and custom hand puppets in a wide variety of animals, humans, and just-plain-different-things, can be had by sending a large SASE to Axtell Expressions, 230 Glencrest Circle, Ventura, CA 93003. They also carry how-to books and tapes on puppetry and ventriloquism.

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Content: Art, comic strips, stories, news and reviews

If you would like to join us and contribute please contact us.

Guidelines:

* Any rating artwork or comics strips are fine, but please take into consideration that Fur Scene is a general audiences fanzine. Also please do not send originals.

* We would like if possible to have work that's not been previously published old or new.

* If possible text articles and stories to be submitted on 3 1/2 disk, Amiga, IBM PC, and Atari ST ASC II text formats. Even just E-mailing it is fine.

* Or if you just want to drop us a line about your new works of art please go right ahead, anything new is good news.

From Lynx:

PawPrints Fanzine now has issues #1 and #2 available — each more than 70 pages of stories and artwork by the likes of Jordan Greywolf, Conrad "Lynx" Wong, Maggie deAlarcon, Robert & Margaret Carspecken, Genesis Eve Cook, Roy D. Pounds, Karena Kliefloth, Stephanie Stone, Elizabeth McCoy, Brian W. Antoine, and many others! Each issue is \$5, plus \$3 for shipping (i.e. issue #1 alone would be \$8 by mail; issues #1 and 2 together would be \$13).

Send check payable to Conrad Wong at 101 First Street, suite 554, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. (US/Canada/Mexico only, inquire first if you are overseas, or try Martin Dudman in England) E-mail: lynx@netcom.com.

We're also interested in art and stories from contributors (nothing risqué, please), please write us with an 8.5x11 SASE with \$1 postage — we will send you a sample issue #0. Deadline for issue #3 is October 31, expected out at ConFurence in January, deadline for issue #4 is May 31, 1996, expected out at San Diego Comic Con in July — yes, our schedule is bi-annual. We take our time in order to bring you high quality anthropomorphism!

From Steve Addelee:

Although most of my news is non-furry related, there are a couple of furry projects I'm involved with. I'm slated to ink a video comic and tarot cards for Cybergraphix Animation. Also, JIHAD, an anthology series by Dark Dimension Publications, includes an 8-page continuing series by Dark Dimension Publications, entitled "Fawn." The continuing story of a (accidentally) magically-created anthropomorph that was changed from a deer to a bear. Set in the wilderness of Utah, our reluctant heroine adjusts to her new form; encounters campers and tourists and pagans, oh my; and helps her creator combat a great evil. This feature was created, inked and lettered by me; written by Michael Wolff; and pencilled by Dann Phillips.

From Tygger Graf:

Guardian Knights: Demon's Night will not be published by Rip Off Press as first thought. Due to the distribution mayhem of the comic market, Rip Off Press felt it not best to release a new title. After being turned down by other publishers, the new home for GK:DN is in the pages of Gallery. The first book appeared in Gallery 22, the second slated to be in Gallery 23. For information on how to get a copy of Gallery, e-mail mauser@claris.com or write to Gallery, c/o Richard Chandler, 4714 NE 72nd Ave #T-88, Vancouver WA, 98661.

Brief synopsis of Guardian Knights: Demon's Night: The demon Renegar is seeking to escape it's mirror prison with the aid of the black mage Martin. Five Knights have already given their lives to stop him...can Guardian Knight Keyes Kohiino and his sister Sarenae stop the demon and Martin in time?

The first ever shirt design offered by Tygger! The design is a screened black design on an ash grey shirt (50/50 Hanes), in sizes L and XL thru XXXL. \$16 at cons, \$20 mail order in the US, \$25 mail order overseas. The design is of Saranae in her Knight armor, blade and magic in hand, just seconds before she attacks, the Guardian Knights logo beneath her. Only a short number of shirts are available, first come first buy! Send check/money order made to Tygger Graf to: Tygger Prints!, 6250 Holabird St. #1, San Diego CA, 92120-3545
Prints by Tygger!

Many new prints are available from Tygger Graf, but some are of a limited print run of only 15 to 30 made. If you'd like a current print listing, please send an sase to Tygger Prints!, 6250 Holabird St. #1, San Diego CA, 92120-3545. e-mail: tygger@netcom.com

From Matt Henry:

Ten Furcent is a new fanzine, devoted to the gay, lesbian and transgendered furry community. Issue #1 is now available, and features art from the following artists and writers: Bill Fitts, Terrie Smith, Mike Curtis, Jim Pigtain, Kamen Kyote, Daphne Lage, Bob Drake, Andrew French, Dean Johnson, T.S. Wessner, Annette Miller, Brian Miller, Scot Masters, Frank Gembeck Jr., Robert Hill, and Andrew Murphy-Mee. Issue #1 is 96 pages and sells for \$10.00, plus \$1.50 for shipping. Please send money orders (payable to Matt Henry) to:

Matt Henry
Mad Badger Studios
3310 Hoskins Holler #A
Orlando, FL 32826

Issue #2 is still open for submissions, with a publication in early January. For submission guidelines, or more information, please write to the address above.

From Benny7dude@aol.com (Sophistikats):

Don Newsome, Paul Castiglia and Brigitte Sleiartin have reached an agreement with Coconut Comics to license their Sophistikats characters (formerly published by Antarctic Press and Silk Purrs Press) for comic publication. The Sophistikats will be the back-up feature in Coconut's superhero series *Warcat* which is slated to debut in April. *Warcat* himself is an anthropomorphic furry: He is a mutant cat-man (sort of a The Savage Dragon with whiskers and fur!). From there, the Sophistikats will graduate to a series of seasonal specials, including Summer Swimsuit, Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. The first special will take place at next summer's San Diego comic con and simultaneously spoof the "bad girl" comics craze.

In 1997, The Sophistikats are poised to then spin off into an ongoing series. At this time, no firm decision has been made yet but it is highly likely the comics will be 40 full-color pages for only \$2.25. The core creative team on The Sophistikats remains writer Paul Castiglia and penciller Brigitte Sleiartin, with inking chores alternated by Mark (Lady Death) Morales and Jim (Tex Avery's Wolf & Red) Massara.

From KarlM@fauxpaw.com (Karl Maurer):

Meow-Chirp All!

Karl Maurer here, just posting a reminder that the deadline for submissions to issue #2 of FurVisions Fanzine is December 15th, 1995: Not that far off. Artwork I could use more of, especially filler art, but full page art is just as badly needed. I am presently talking with an artist regarding the cover and will post information as to who it is, as soon as things get worked out.

Otherwise, all is on schedule for a Thanksgiving release of issue #1 of FurVisions Fanzine. If you are interested in more information regarding the fanzine, and you have web access, read the web page at

<http://www.sfo.com/~fauxpaw/furvisions.html>

or if that does not work, I have a link to the page on

<http://www.sfo.com/~fauxpaw>

And thanks to all that have responded so far, this is going to be a great zine!

Karl Maurer
Editor/Publisher - FurVisions Fanzine
Former Editor-in-Chief - Furversion Fanzine

From: mel@netcom.com (Mel. White):

As we all suspect, I'm a workaholic or something. At any rate, I've reworked my old Electronic Catalog and now have a New Electronic Catalog. Dropped some stuff (letting it go out of print), brought some new stuff in. Please Email me for a copy!

Current projects include some Valdemar holiday cards and some New Age/Pagan subjects (including dragons and unicorns and wolves (and cats) (oh my!)). And horses... and really odd mystical (realistic) stuff. (Who knows what ELSE I'll have by CF?? Da Shadow knows (muahahaha)!!)

From: pelzig@mailhost.accesscom.net (Pelzig)

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you all know about four new items available for purchase from Knechtschaft Studio for the mature furs out there:

Viktoria's Secret Fall/Winter Catalog 1995 (issue #3):

** 32 pages of furry lingerie pin-ups by Quentin Dumas, Bill Fitts, Tygger, Zephery Hughes, Daphne Lage, Annette Miller, Terrie Smith, Chris Whalen, and Sean Wilkinson. Look for Sean's sultry toon centerfold along with a listing of how to get in touch with these fine artists. Plus, that needed CF7 ad <grin>. Price is \$5.00ppd.

Furlined Volume 1, Issue 3:

** The hot adult companion to *Viktoria's Secret*, look for sizzling wotx by Quentin Dumas, Bill Fitts, Tygger, Zephery Hughes, Daphne Lage, Albert Rainwater, Mike Reed, Terrie Smith, and Chris Whalen. 36 pages of adult furies doing what adult furies do. Check out Chris' smokin' centerfold and artist plug pages. Price is \$5.00ppd.

Furs 'n Fetish 1.5:

** Diyaa-san returns with this mini-portfolio sequel to his 1994 *Furs 'n Fetish* portfolio. This time, he turns up the heat on six anime furies. Look for Karla (from *Drakuum*), the Puma Twins (you know where!), Mink (from *Dragon Half*), Lady Battia (from *Outlanders*), Kyau (from *Fantastic Panic*), and Learna (from *Robotch II: The Sentinels*) all done up in fetish finery and bondage gear with a heavy dose of discipline devices. Six illos on heavy 20lb. paper, polybagged, and each of the 50 copies handsinged by Diyaa-san for only \$5.00ppd.

Lingerie et Fur:

** Pelzig collects six of the choicest lingerie illustrations he has done for such fanzines as *Bunny Pages*, *FurryPhile*, and *Viktoria's Secret*, and compiles them into a mini-portfolio for the furry lingerie lover. Six illos on heavy 20lb. paper, polybagged, and each of the 50 copies signed by Pelzig for a mere \$4.00ppd.

And check out our homepage at:

<http://tau-ceti.isc-br.com/furry-stuff/pelzig/pelzig.html>

Here, you'll find our catalog and Pelzig's commission guidelines along with two choice GIFs of Pelzette for your viewing pleasure. Be sure to check out the other fur artists there too! This homepage is maintained by the gracious Kalindra nal Kan. If you'd like a catalog sent to you, drop your snail-mail address to pelzig@aol.com and we'll get it out to ya. If you'd like to order what ya see above, make check of money order out to Edwin M. Dyer, III and mail to:

Knechtschaft Studio
2823 Chestnut Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

Be sure to enclose an age statement please!

From kekaitis@ix.netcom.com (Joe Ekaitis):

Put down this zine right now and go to the nearest retailer specializing in independent comic books and purchase ANUBIS #2, just so you can see the first ever T.H.E. Fox cartoon to appear in print. Also, every Tuesday and Thursday, World Wide Web users can find a new adventure of T.H.E. Fox by checking out <http://users.aol.com/SCCENT>.

From mdlight@aol.com (Michele Light):

I finally got my new list typed up, E-mail me if you want one!

Advertising in In-Fur-Nation: As before, ads in In-Fur-Nation come in two sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for \$5.00 per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for \$10.00 per issue. Check should be made out to ConFurence. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958.

(Special thanks for some of the information in this issue go to our intrepid 'field reporter', Jed Martinez; all the folks in Rowrbrazzle; and all the folks on Internet!)



Mike Higgs, 1994

ConFurence Seven Progress Report

ConFurence Seven – Furies in Force! Listen up! Right here we're gonna tell you more about our guests, our show, our presentations, and lots of other reasons why *you* should be a part of ConFurence Seven – Furies old or new, all are welcome!

The Guests and their Friends

You've heard about them! In addition to our Guests of Honor S. Andrew Swann, Frank Kelly Freas, and Eric Schwartz, you'll be seeing such well-known names as Mike Higgs, Steve Gallacci, S.E. Mills, Daphne Lage, Jose Calderon, Mike Curtis, Mike Sagara, Mel. White, Jim Groat, Brian Sutton, Mitchell Beiro, Ed Kline, Steven Martin, Ted Sheppard, Chuck Melville, Edd Vick, Fred Patten, Tygger and Dean Graf, Mike Raabe, Diana Vick, Tommy Yune, Michelle Light, Monika Livingstone, Alicia Austin, Tim Fay, Yuusaka Toyoshima, John Cawley, Terrie Smith, Lex Nakashima, Carlos Saldana, Jefferson Swycaffer, Roz Gibson, Jimmy Chin, John Nunnemacher, Jane Mailander, and the crew from Yarf! Whew! Many of our well-known furry folks will be participating in lectures and our famous round-table SIG discussions, so be sure to look for them! And who knows who *else* might show up, too? One thing is for certain: ConFurence will always treat each and every one of you as a special guest!

ConFurence: The Convention with its own Villain!

That's right, this time our mascots Sydney Fisher and brother Cairn must match wits with none other than that ferret from the past, the dashing and dastardly Atrium Marquis! (And his ever-trusty man-servant, Radisson!) What fiendish plot does this genius of crime have in store for our heroes – and our convention? Find out in the ConFurence Seven Souvenir Book! We hope to have likenesses of this illusive pair in a future IFN!



As you've heard, ConFurence Seven is to straddle both the Atrium Marquis and Radisson Plaza hotels in Irvine, to be conveniently walked between via the newly built Check Point Furry. (And it's all still right across the street from Orange County John Wayne Airport.) Again, the Radisson Plaza will be the 'quiet' guest hotel; as well as home to the Art Show, the Cabaret Fur le Dance, Club Tekno-Fur, the Nitrocoon Show and other such 'big' events. The Atrium Marquis remains the home of the Den of Dealers and Artists' Alley, Con Registration, the video programming, the lounges, and the parties! Rooms at the Atrium begin at just \$59.00 a night for up to four furies in a room! With prices still that great they've been filling up fast, so once again we recommend you get your reservations in now – before the cave gets overloaded! You can call the Atrium toll-free at (800) 854-3012, or write them for prices on suites or other information at the Atrium Marquis Hotel, 18700 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92715. And be sure to mention ConFurence 96 – our special event code is 'CONF'. Rooms at the Radisson are available for \$65.00 per night for single, double, triple, or quad. *NOTE: All reservations should be made by contacting the Atrium Marquis; specify 'the quiet hotel' if you wish to be placed in the Radisson.* To get in touch with the Reservations Department at the Atrium, remember you *must* call during business hours on a weekday, and you *must* mention our convention code 'CONF'! Again, that toll-free number is (800) 854-3012.

Your Den or Mine?

Both of the ConFurence hotels boast some of the lowest per-night room rates for an SF/media convention... but, if room costs still crimp your budget, why not split them? (And maybe meet some nice furies while you're at it!) If you are interested in sharing a room at either ConFurence hotel, please write us as soon as possible! Include which hotel you'll be staying at (or would like to), the dates you'll be in town, your arrival and departure times, and those all-important preferences (non-smoker, non-snorer, party/no party, etc). Please write **Room Share** on the envelope, and remember to include a phone number! Then we'll pass along the information to other interested furies.

The Den of Dealers

As of last month the Den of Dealers is **sold out** for ConFurence Seven! Remember, if you're on our waiting list, please, bring your stuff! We'll find room for you in our Artists' Alley, or perhaps in the Den of Dealers itself – cancellations do happen, sometimes at the last minute!

Artist's Alley & Publisher's Row

The Artists' Alley remains one of the most popular features of any ConFurence! Tables in the pre-convene area at the Atrium Marquis are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis, with sign-ups each morning. Once again, by special request, the Artists' Alley will also feature Publishers' Row, where comic book, video, and other production houses can show you their wares and scout out new talent. Publishers' Row tables may be reserved via special arrangement with ConFurence — but there's not many left! Write to Rod O'Riley at the ConFurence address for any information.

The Art Show

There's little doubt that the ConFurence Seven Art Show will break our previous records — again! Trust us, if you do art of funny animals, furies, monsters, toons, or even real animals, you want to be in this art show — on one of the largest SF/fantasy art shows on the West Coast! But our show will fill up, and soon — so get in your reservations right away! Your first art show space (4 ft. by 4 ft.) is still available free with your paid supporting or attending membership — all you have to do is claim it in writing. Additional art show spaces are available for a low \$5.00 each. Get yours reserved today! What, can't make it to ConFurence? No problem! Reserve your space, then mail us your art before the con — we'll set it up, send you back any unsold items, and get you off a check for what does sell in no time! Write to Jazmyn at the ConFurence address for any and all information — right away we'll send you a detailed mailer with lots of advice and hints on mailing, paperwork, the all-important matting, and other stuff that will make our job that much easier — and your art sell that much better!

It's Gonna Happen In 1996!

No, not the elections. Not the Olympics. It's our ever-expanding line-up of events! Including some old favorites, some new ideas, and some new twists! Back again are the Cabaret Fur le Dance, The Friday Dance Party (Club Tekno-Fur), The Saturday Night Pizza Fest, The Ice Cream Social, The Costume Presentation and How-To Discussion, the Species SIGs — More of what you've come to know and love! Keep watching this space for more details, and be on the lookout for some special presentations and lectures. And more! How about musical performances by solo furry artists and even a furry rock band? Furry stand-up comedy? You bet! You'll see it all and more at ConFurence Seven — don't miss out!

Help Needed!

Would you like to be drawn that way? Once again we're looking for furry fen willing to help out as models (clothed, believe us!) at the life drawing workshops to be held at ConFurence Seven. Again we'll be having two two-hour sessions of life drawing tips and practice, one for sketchers and one for photographers to build up a sketch portfolio. Interested in posing for a time? Get in touch with us through the ConFurence address (attn: Life Drawing), or leave a note for Rod O'Riley on internet (vinson@netcom.com).

Farther, Faster, Furrrier!

What's to be going on at ConFurence Seven? Meetings and round-tables (Special Interest Groups or 'SIGs') on dozens of furry topics, from art and writing to animation, computers, games, or even meeting other fans of your favorite animal species. Plus workshops, how-to's, networking, and tons of valuable ideas. Videos from around the world, both animated and live-action — the beautiful, the new, the controversial, the strange, and even the truly awful! The Saturday afternoon **Costume Presentation**, with voting for the best costume — and a parade of costumes in the hall! Plus a newly extended **Costuming How-To** session, featuring some of the best folks from around the country (we'll fill you in more next time!). **Computer art**, animation, and attitude — with how-to tips from real experts. **Games**, on the table, on the screen, and with the cards. **Filking** through the night, including our popular Furry Filksong Contest on Friday night. **Sketching** by dozens of furry artists of every description and style. And so much more! The rest? That's up to you and your enthusiasm to see to!

The Price

Registration to ConFurence Seven is on a sliding scale — All memberships are \$20.00 for a full three-days **Attending**, from now until December 31st, 1995. From January 1st, 1996 until January 5th, 1996, three-day **Attending** memberships are available for \$30.00, and after that, at-the-door for \$30.00 also. Plus, a full year of In-Fur-Nation, and our special annual ConFurence Souvenir Collection Book, are all included in the price of your membership! A single art show display space is also included free with your membership — if you write us and claim it!

And remember, if you're stuck in your part of the world at that time, you can always join ConFurence as a **Supporting member**! Supporting members get a full year's subscription to In-Fur-Nation, the Souvenir Collection Book, and one free art show display space for the taking, all for the low price of just \$10.00! Get it? Good!

We Get By With A Little Help From Our Friends...

Our Sponsors

Sponsors are the special furies who help keep ConFurence going by giving a little bit (or a lot bit!) of extra financial help. That's money for transporting, lodging, and feeding our special guests, as well as off-setting complimentary memberships. To become a sponsor, just contribute a minimum of \$20.00 over and above your membership fee. Indicate which of our special guests this money is to help toward; or if you can't decide, just mark it "general fund" - we'll split it among all of them. What do you get for being a sponsor? Besides being mentioned by name in the Souvenir Book, sponsors are the only folks (besides staff and guests) allowed in the Guest Lounge, a special place set aside where folks can relax away from the hubbub of the con. The food is good and the company is lively. And sponsors get special seating at the Fur le Dance Cabaret (with your purchase of a regular ticket - after all, it's for charity!). Plus, sponsors get - our unending gratitude!

Super Sponsors! (And Lois!)

Super Sponsors are people who really want to help out the convention - and think they deserve something special in return. Super sponsors are those crazy, er, wonderful people willing to contribute \$100.00 or more toward our special guests. Super Sponsors get all the same neat stuff as other Sponsors, plus the use of our special VIP Lounge (for Guests and Super Sponsors only), which includes its own miniature swimming pool! Other neat perks include front-row seats at the Fur le Dance Cabaret! (Again, that's *with* your charity purchase of your ticket for the FLD show.) What, you don't have \$100.00 sitting around? Why, make installments! That's right, we'll take two payments of \$50.00, or four payments of \$25.00 - it still counts you as a Super Sponsor!

Keep It, It's Gonna Follow You Home!

The ConFurence Seven Souvenir Book collection is now full! Thank you to the many artists and writers who helped us put it together, and all before our October 31st deadline! Thanks again. For the rest of you, you're certain to find the Souvenir book a fine addition to your collection - just wait and see! Available at convention Registration.

Our Gophers Are REALLY Gophers!

Fandom conventions, including ours, can't be pulled off without a dedicated team of volunteers. Trust us, we can always use more help! What's it take? Twelve hours (minimum) of your time over the length of the con (though more is always appreciated!) helping out with Registration, Art Show shuffling and paperwork, sound and lighting for the shows and dances, and all kinds of stuff it takes to pull off a con like this one? What do you get for all this? Well first and foremost, a free space to crash in and cheap (if not free) munchies for the length of the con! Plus a chance for a free membership to the following ConFurence, transferable to certain 'stuff' at the ConFurence General Store. Want more info on ConFurence volunteering? Just send a note to Rod O'Riley at the ConFurence address (or his e-mail address) and he'll send you out a Volunteer Information Packet right away! If you'd like to volunteer at the Con itself, just head up to the desk with the sign in nice big friendly letters that says **Volunteers**.

Furries on the Wing - To Infinity, And Beyond!

ConFurence's own official travel agency is **Ladera Travel** of Southern California. They've specialized for years in getting good rates for travel to and from SF cons, including ours! Contact Rick Foss or Robin (his trusty assistant) at (800) 624-6679 from outside California, or (310) 640-0527 inside California.

The Great Furry Migration of Mid-Winter

Road Trip! Looking for an easier way to get to ConFurence Seven? How about a carpool or caravan! Get to spend some 'quality time' with some old or brand new friends! ConFurence will assist furies interested in ride-sharing to CF7. Write to us with your schedule, whether or not you have a vehicle or can help drive, and other pertinent info (like where you're coming from!). We'll pass the info along to others in your area (or path) who'd like to ride share. Put **Ride Share** on the envelope, and make sure to include a phone number!

Coming in the next In-Fur-Nation (early January 1996) will be some vital information for dealers, artists, and just plain furies who will be joining us.

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Don't be left in the burrow! Keep in touch with the world of Anthropomorphics! Join ConFurence Seven Today! Roar!

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Fan Club

Cybergriph Animation has created this fan club to meet the growing demand for information on our *NitroCoon* projects. These are the adventures of an average high-school anthropomorphic raccoon with a part-time job protecting the universe. Here's what you'll get as a member of the *NitroCoon* Fan Club:

A biannual newsletter containing:

- updates on current projects in the works
- interviews by the various voice, art and creative talents working on *NitroCoon*
- information about the *NitroCoon* universe
- humorous and serious articles written just for fan club members by *NitroCoon* characters and staff

As a member, you'll also receive:

- a membership card with original art on it produced just for the club
- original art prints by prominent furry artists produced just for fan club members
- discounts on *NitroCoon* merchandise as it becomes available
- certificate of membership

Now how much would you pay?!

The introductory membership fee is only \$10 for a year!
(We expect costs to increase in the near future, so act now!)

Send a check or money order to:

Cybergriph Animation
ATTN: NitroCoon Fan Club
P.O. Box 50548
Irvine, CA 92619-0548



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\$ 30.00 after 12-31 and at the door
\$ 12.00 supporting membership (anytime)
(includes 4 issues of In-Fur-Nation and
the ConFurence Collection souvenir book)
\$13.00 converts supporting to attending
(paid at the con)

Sponsorship (help support our guests!):

A minimum contribution of \$ 50.00
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A minimum contribution of \$ 100.00
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